

## Prayer at the Heart

Please pray for:



### Immediate needs 2 - 4 weeks

- Roy (Bentley) is now at home following his heart surgery. Please pray for a full recovery.
- Jill and Tom (Seddon), both unwell
- John (Carol's husband) Judge in QEQM for tests..
- Audrey (Porter), adjusting to health challenges.
- Donald. with back pain and previous health issues.

During March we will be praying for those living in The Heights, Spring Walk and Meadow Walk..

### Long term needs - up to 3 months

- Lenni (Oakley).
- Gill (Campbell).
- Janice and Graeme (Allott). Frances Crocker. Ted North. Pat Wade. Paul Browning.
- Ann Shuttle and her sister, Joan.
- Dave (Remon), suffering from Parkinson's. He is now living in Bradbury Grange.
- Brian Evans.
- Ruth.
- Please pray for everyone in our church family living with long-term illnesses or conditions including Bob, Dennis, Emma, Katherine, Katy, Rosalind and Stella (Masters).

We give thanks for all who care faithfully for others - because it's their job, or because they are caring for a loved-one. We pray for strength and rest and the support of others.

We give thanks for the wonderful news that Mark (Temple) has been given the all-clear following his recent operation.

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer needs ,please contact:  
Carol Judge 277752 or David & Lynda Kemp 272470*



## Welcome to St Alphege, Seasalter

Sunday 9 March 2025

(First of Lent)

Readings: Psalm 16; Matthew 7: 13-14 and 5:1-11

### Lent at St Alphege Seasalter

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday (5th March), and leads up to Easter.

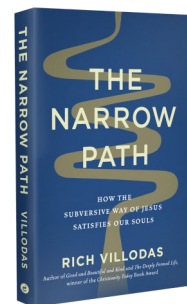
Christians use the time to think more deeply about faith, about the impact of sin, and why we (and the world) need Jesus.

### 'The Narrow Path' Sermons During Lent

During the 5 Sundays of Lent, our sermon series will be based on a book by Rich Villodas called 'The Narrow Path - How the subversive way of Jesus satisfies our souls'.

We'll be looking at 'What is the Narrow Path?', 'Being Salt and Light', 'Anger and Anxiety', 'Our Judgements and Enemies' and 'Our Decisions'.

There will be Connect Group questions based on the sermons each week. I'd recommend the book, which is very readable, full of good stuff, and covers more topics than we can fit into 5 weeks - but it's not essential that you have it in order to follow along.



### Additional Zoom Lent Discussion Group

I will be running a Zoom additional group to discuss the sermon topic every week for 5 weeks from , 5-6.30 pm (Thursday 13th March and the following 4 Wednesdays)- please speak to me or email

me; [paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:paulette.stubbings@stalphegeseasalter.org) if you'd like to join in with that.

**Church Notices** Please note that the deadline for the following Sunday is midnight on Tuesday. Paula Email: [notices@stalphegeseasalter.org](mailto:notices@stalphegeseasalter.org)



## Yay! and Pray

This week we are . . .

### *Celebrating:*

- It was lovely to celebrate Claude with gratitude on Sunday, we give thanks for her ministry during her Curacy with us, and pray for her new role in Maidstone.

### *Praying for:*

- Our Youth Minister, Hannah, for the team who work with her in leading and serving our young people, and for each precious young person in our church community and with whom we have contact.



## THIS WEEK at St Alphege Seasalter

*We do our best to compile this so the info is in one place - but we are a busy church - apologies if something gets missed*

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| <b>Mon 10</b> | 10 am Woodcarving Group SCC<br>1.30 pm Forge craft group SCC  |
| <b>Tue 11</b> | 9.30 - 11.30 am Little Salties Toddler Group SCC  |
| <b>Wed 12</b> | 8 - 8.45 am prayer on Zoom (ID 279 401 6881 Password V3pXbH)<br>2.30 pm Mid Week Holy Communion Service SCC                                     |
| <b>Thu 13</b> | 10 - 11.30 am Open Door Community Coffee Morning SCC  |
| <b>Fri 14</b> | 10 - 12 Lent Bible Study group SCC<br>2pm Social Games SCC<br>6 pm Prayer Point at Rosemary's home (contact Paulette for details: 07305 611437) |
| <b>Sat 15</b> | Christian Aid Quiz - see separate notice  |
| <b>Sun 16</b> | 8 am prayer at SCC<br>8.45 am Service with Holy Communion SCC<br>10.30 am Service with groups for Children & Young People SCC                   |



## A Message from Donald

"YOKED TO JESUS" is a booklet, containing a series of Bible Studies based on that theme. Each one has been prepared by Revd. Donald Lugg and designed for personal or group Bible Study, taking whatever time you need. They give the user lots to think, talk and pray about, and lots of Bible verses and passages and more to look up and read through.

If using for group study, having your own booklet is important. There is no set charge to buy a copy but donations for SCC church funds, and given through Donald, will be most welcome. Any feedback on the studies will also be welcome.

The sale of the 300 copies as a "first print" has already begun with every sign that copies will eventually be reaching Churches and their members in other parts of the UK.

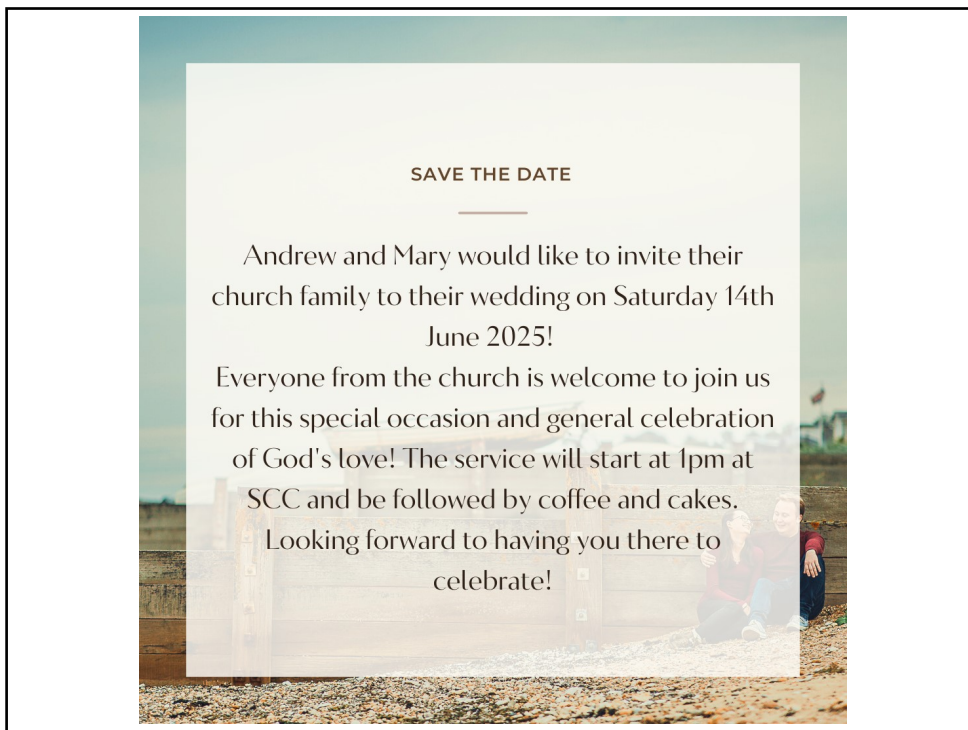
### 'Board Monitors' Wanted!

Do you remember the 'monitor' jobs at school? 'Register Monitor', 'Dinner Monitor', 'Board Monitor' etc?

Well, we need two Board Monitors to take charge of making sure the content in the SCC Church Noticeboard that faces the pavement from the side of the Car Park is kept up to date and looking great.

Why two? It's a two-person job to change notices as the cover is heavy which makes it tricky for one person to manage.

So if you are creative, have an eye for detail and think you could make that noticeboard attractive and relevant - because people DO read it, please speak to Paulette (Vicar) or Ali (Churchwarden).



Next Meeting: Thursday 27 March at 7pm  
Harbour room SCC - All welcome



Don't forget the  
Christian Aid  
Quiz Night  
(see poster for details)

### 22 March Bible Study Morning Cancelled

A provisional date of 22 March had been set for a "How to get to grips with the Bible" morning. We have cancelled this event as we are not sure what help members of the congregation would find most helpful. So we are looking for you to tell us. We will run something in the Autumn. So please feedback to Paulette or to me Tariq Hussain.

### 'I'm growing in my faith and I want to do something to show that'

Are you growing in your faith and connection with God? Would you like to recognise that in a special way?

#### Confirmation

On 15 May in the evening, at St Alphege Whitstable, a number of people from the churches in our Deanery will be Confirmed. Confirmation is an opportunity for people who were baptised/ Christened as a young child or baby to make for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. It can be a significant step on the journey of faith. At this special service, the Bishop lays hands on your head and asks God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you as you commit to live God's way. ***If you are interested in being confirmed please talk to Paulette as soon as possible.***

#### Baptism/Renewing your Baptism Promises

Being baptised is an important step on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful experience and there's no age limit. At Seasalter, you can choose to be baptised with poured or sprinkled water from a bowl or font, or even have your baptism in the sea! If you were baptised as a child or in a different Christian tradition, or if you would just like to recommit your life and faith journey there are special ways to renew those promises if you'd like to do that. Talk to Paulette about it.

#### First Holy Communion

We are happy for all who want to know and love the Lord Jesus to come to the table for Holy Communion and some do from a young age.

But we know that for some families, making a formal 'first communion' is an important step in the faith journey. If your children are at an age where you think they are ready and you would like to talk about this then speak to Paulette, and we can arrange some preparation that builds towards receiving first communion on Easter Day.

## Tea & Coffee Rota

First of all a big thank you to those people who have volunteered to join the wonderful people already on the rota.

Sadly we still need some more helpers to come forward to augment the team, otherwise there may be some weeks when we won't be able to offer refreshments after both services.

It's a reasonably easy task to complete and the customers are really nice people.

You won't be alone, but always a part of a team of 2 or 3.

If you feel you can help in this worthwhile ministry to the church family please either contact me or one of the Church Warden Team

Thanks  
Andrew

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**Saturday 29th March 7.30pm**

**KYJO**  
**KENT YOUTH**  
**JAZZ**  
**ORCHESTRA**

The Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra will be putting on a concert at All Saints on Saturday 29th March.

Tickets and more information is available on Eventbrite and a link to this can be found on the Notices section of the All Saints website. If you are interested but do not have access to the web, please speak to Rev Simon Tillotson.

Tickets are only available online.

Rosemary, the Methodist minister in Whitstable, worked in Burkina Faso 2016-20. A mission partner friend has organised a shipping container in the Spring. If anyone has **unwanted sewing machines**, Rosemary's friend Blandine Bonzi is running a project to help more women support themselves by developing their tailoring skills.

AND if anyone has a laptop that is surplus to requirements, please consider donating it for use of pastors in Burkina Faso. They can be wiped to conform with GDPR and new batteries obtained as needed. The shipping container has plenty of room for them and you would be making a real difference.

The deadline is Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Please contact:  
[Rosemary.bending@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Rosemary.bending@methodist.org.uk)

## Calling All Cake Bakers

Would you be able to bake a cake for our Marriage Preparation Couples attending a course here on Saturday 29/03/25?

This is a lovely way to make these couples feel really welcomed and loved as they prepare for their forthcoming marriage to serve them homemade cakes.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or for further information please contact me:  
Rosalind Drewitt 07594 604333 or  
email: [rosbeth50@outlook.com](mailto:rosbeth50@outlook.com)



## ADVANCE NOTICE

A Ukrainian Ladies Choir will be taking part in the Oyster Singers Spring Concert to be held at St. Alphege Church Whitstable on Sunday 6th April at 3p.m. Make a note of the date, time and location now.

Posters and flyers will be on display shortly advertising the price of tickets and where and how they may be obtained.

Book early a high demand for tickets is expected.

## Please Note

We livestream our 8.45 service and occasionally other services, uploading these to our church YouTube channel. The camera is focussed on the stage area (please be aware of this if you go up onto the stage during the service), and we don't film during the distribution of Holy Communion. Some backs of heads will appear in camera view. Please speak to a Church Warden when you arrive if you wish to avoid being in camera view.